

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b><br><u>ORNSTEIN LAWRENCE H</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>1185 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NEW YORK NY 10036</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><u>AMERADA HESS CORP [ AHC ]</u> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Senior Vice President</u> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b><br><u>02/01/2006</u>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value  | 02/01/2006                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 7,000                                                             | A          | \$0   | 45,767 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | (A)                                                                                    | (D) | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                                             | Amount or Number of Shares |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |
| Option to purchase Common Stock            | \$148.66                                               | 02/01/2006                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 7,000                                                                                  |     | 02/01/2007                                               | 02/01/2016      | Common Stock, \$1.00 par value                                                    | 7,000                      | \$0                                        | 7,000                                                                                              | D                                                         |                                                        |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value             | \$148.66                                               | 02/01/2006                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 7,000                                                                                  |     | 02/01/2008                                               | 02/01/2016      | Common Stock, \$1.00 par value                                                    | 7,000                      | \$0                                        | 7,000                                                                                              | D                                                         |                                                        |
| Option to purchase Common Stock            | \$148.66                                               | 02/01/2006                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 7,000                                                                                  |     | 02/01/2009                                               | 02/01/2016      | Common Stock, \$1.00 par value                                                    | 7,000                      | \$0                                        | 7,000                                                                                              | D                                                         |                                                        |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. This amount includes 35,000 shares held in escrow pursuant to the Corporation's Amended and Restated 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The reporting person has only voting power of these shares until the lapsing of the period set by the Committee administering the Plan at which time the shares plus accrued dividends will be delivered to the reporting person if he is still an employee of the Corporation.

George C. Barry for Lawrence H. Ornstein 02/03/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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